

**List – Information regarding PhD Studies/Courses/Duration etc  
(from date of admission to date of completion PhD)**

S/No	Requirements/Information
1.	<b>PhD Duration:</b> Minimum 3 years & maximum 8 years.
2.	<b>Coursework:</b> 18 credit hours coursework with CGPA 3.50 out of 4, minimum 2 courses per semester.
3.	<b>Formation of GEC:</b> Guidance and Examination Committee (GEC) is to be formed as early as possible but not later than one month of the student's joining.
4.	<b>Qualifying Examination:</b> Student must pass Part A & Part B of qualifying examination, after completing coursework, Qualifying exam (Part A&B) to be completed within 4 months after coursework.
5.	<b>Approval of Thesis Synopsis.</b> After passing PhD Qualifying Examination Part A, the student must prepare a written synopsis of intended topic of research and present the same along with research plan at the beginning of Part B (the Oral Examination) of the Qualifying Exam for approval.
6.	<b>Research Work:</b> After passing the Qualifying Examination, the scholar shall complete a minimum of 30 credit hours of creative and original research, based on highly individualized, investigative and creative study minimum research period required after part B is one year.
7.	<b>Monitoring of PhD:</b> The PhD student research work is monitored by PGP Dte in every six monthly Progress Review Seminar. Each student presents his/her progress in front of his/her supervisor/HoD and Principal. Their performance is evaluated and observations are conveyed to their respective institute.
8.	<b>Approval of Thesis by GEC.</b> The student after completing research shall document research details and submit written copy to the supervisor & GEC. On approval by GEC and conduct of Plagiarism Test, request for selection of foreign and local external evaluators will be sent to PGP Dte, Main Office NUST.
9.	<b>Publications.</b> A student must have a minimum of two research papers published/accepted for publication, preferably presented also, in Higher Education Commission (HEC) approved journals / international conferences of repute out of which at least one paper must be accepted/published in an Higher Education Commission (HEC) approved "X" category Journal for award of PhD Degree ("Y" in case of Social Sciences only). Only those publications related to the PhD research work will be counted in which the student's name is that of the 1st author.
10.	<b>Selection of Foreign/Local Evaluators:</b> For selection of external experts, institution concerned will forward a list of at least four foreign and four local external experts to Postgraduate Programs (PGP) Directorate, from which the PhD Processing Committee will select at least two foreign, and two local external expert to whom the thesis will be sent for evaluation. Selection of evaluators will be subject to fulfilment of all necessary PhD requirements and selection of evaluators has to be done atleast 6 month prior to time bar date.
11.	<b>Thesis Defence.</b> After the thesis is accepted by at least 2 x foreign and 2 x local external evaluators, for a PhD degree, the student shall successfully defend his/her thesis before the Thesis Defence Committee. Prior approval from Postgraduate Programs (PGP) Directorate and Examination Branch (Registrar Directorate) is mandatory. Defence will open to public and physical presence of complete GEC and both local Evaluators is Mandatory, Foreign Evaluators may be taken on Skype.
12.	<b>Submission of Thesis.</b> Five bound copies of thesis are to be submitted after successful defence within 60 days of the thesis defence. To incorporate any additional requirement of the Defence Committee, request may be made to Postgraduate Programs (PGP) Directorate to relax this period of thesis submission.

**Signature of the candidate** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Father name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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